

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Robert H. Dahla et al.

Application No.: 10/799,908

Filing Date: March 12, 2004

Title: ELECTROSURGICAL APPARATUS  
AND METHODS FOR TISSUE  
TREATMENT AND REMOVAL

Examiner: Witczak, Catherine

Art Unit: 3767

Confirmation No.: 8300

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT UNDER  
37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the references that are listed on the attached PTO form 1449.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the “references cited” on any patent to issue there from.

These citations do not constitute an admission that the references are relevant or material to the claims.

This IDS is being filed after a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), on the merits. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0359 of ArthroCare Corporation in order to effectuate this filing.

Respectfully submitted  
Attorney for Applicants,

/Matthew Scheele, Reg. No. 59,847/  
Matthew Scheele  
Reg. No. 59,847

Date: 19 May 2011

CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS:

CUSTOMER NO.: **21394**

ArthroCare Corporation  
(512) 358-5925  
FAX (512) 391-3901